

Re: Homeless people camping behind our house -...

Subject: Re: Homeless people camping behind our house - Chatsworth
From: Sarah Bell <sarah.bell@lacity.org>
Date: 5/12/20, 2:54 PM
To: Colin Crews <colin.crews@lacity.org>

Yes, it will have to go on tomorrow's schedule. They are gone for the day now.

On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 2:34 PM Colin Crews <colin.crews@lacity.org> wrote:
Can your team collect these needles? They are near a home. Location is behind [22200 Germain St.](#) Thanks.

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From: **Brent Lottman** <brentlottman@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, May 12, 2020 at 1:30 PM
Subject: Re: Homeless people camping behind our house - Chatsworth
To: Colin Crews <colin.crews@lacity.org>

Colin,

Thanks for the response. This morning my spouse and I went out in our back yard and found 2 syringes that had been thrown over the wall. See attached pictures. Thank goodness they had the plastic caps over the needles or they might not have been seen and one of us could have been stuck by a used needle in our own yard. Now we know we have drug addicts living over the

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back wall from our home, able to look into our windows and keep track of what we are doing, when we are home etc. I scooped up the syringes with a shovel and put them in a plastic bag in case law enforcement would like to have a look at them. Please forward this new information to the HOPE team.

My neighbors are now walking their back yards each day looking for trash, needles etc to keep their children safe. This is a completely unacceptable situation.

Thanks for your help.

Brent Lottman
805-210-9440

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 4:41 PM Colin Crews <colin.crews@lacity.org> wrote:
Good afternoon,

Thanks for the information. I will ask Sanitation and the HOPE Team to go back.

Colin

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On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 4:34 PM Brent Lottman
<brentlottman@gmail.com> wrote:
Colin,

Location in question: [22200 Germain St Chatsworth CA 91311](#)

Actually that gets you close. Site is on Valley Circle Blvd just North of Germain St.

Thank you for your assistance with my recent inquiry. The day after you responded to me someone with the police came and talked with the people who have been living behind our house. It was the first time in many weeks that the black Dodge Durango moved. It wasn't long before it was back (the next day) and it has been there every day since. The green Chevrolet has also been behind the house but I don't know if he has been sleeping there.

On Sunday morning (May 10th) we noticed something had been thrown over our back wall into our yard. See attached picture. It was a soiled sleeping bag, pillow, and some house insulation. I used a couple 6 foot long walking sticks to pick this stuff up and push it back over the wall and onto the sidewalk. Who knows what kinds of diseases were on this stuff. I looked over the wall and took a picture of who was there, the black Durango. He will likely say that it wasn't him (and we have no proof) but he would have reason to retaliate against us since he must know by now that we have complained about him. We have small dogs that are curious. I worry that some of these people may toss food with poison in it over the wall to sicken or kill our animals.

Around 4PM that day I drove down Valley Circle and into the parking lot at Chatsworth park North to see what was going on behind our house without making contact with the people living behind us. The black Durango and the green Chevrolet were there, and there was a man laying on the sidewalk right over the wall from our property, on the same sleeping bag and pillow that had been in our yard.

I appreciate anything that you can do to help. If it was possible to have someone drive by at night every other day and talk to whoever is still there (where they are not allowed to park) that would be great. I know there are limits to what you can do. Please impress upon Councilman Lee that this situation, which has been going on for years, with people living in decrepit motorhomes, trailers, tents, and other makeshift shelters overflowing with trash, human waste and other debris, all over the valley is going to drive people like me out of this state. For myself and several of my neighbors dealing with this is nearing the last straw. It didn't used to be like this, it doesn't have to be like this, and it shouldn't be like this. What has happened to this city in the past 10 years is a disgrace.

Again, thank you for your help. I appreciate anything you can do to stop people from living behind our homes in places where overnight parking is not allowed.

Regards,

Brent Lottman
805-210-9440

On Wed, May 6, 2020 at 4:01 PM Colin Crews <colin.crews@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the email. I have reported to the LAPD HOP Team and the Bureau of Sanitation. As you mentioned, many of our enforcement and clean up actions are limited during this time. However, we will continue to do everything we can to resolve the situation.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.
Colin

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On Wed, May 6, 2020 at 3:08 PM Brent Lottman
<brentlottman@gmail.com> wrote:
Colin,

My spouse and I are supporters of Councilman John Lee, we voted for him twice in recent elections.

I am writing to see if there is anything you can do to encourage some homeless people who have been living behind our home in Chatsworth for the last 3 weeks or more to move on to a new location.

Location in question: [22200 Germain St Chatsworth CA 91311](#)

Actually that gets you close. Site is on Valley Circle Blvd just North of Germain St. Area is marked for no overnight parking allowed. I have contacted parking enforcement and they have told me that until Mayor Garcetti's loosening of parking restrictions during the stay at home period have expired there is nothing they can do.

Please see attached picture. Black Dodge Durango CA lic plate 5KWT139 has been parked in the same location for at least 3 weeks, probably more. I don't think it has moved an inch in weeks. White Ford van has joined him this past week and has been staying overnight. Small green Chevrolet has been in various spots overnight in the area for a long time. The open field is being used as a bathroom and garbage dump.

We would like to be able to walk out our back gate and go walk around Chatsworth Park North but do not want to walk past these individuals, nor do we want them to know we have left the house unattended and for it to be easy to know when we are coming back.

Please do what you can to encourage these folks to go somewhere else.

Thanks,

Brent Lottman

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